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Docket No. 2629-4005US1

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Lorincz, T. et al. Group Art Unit: 1631  
Serial No. : 09/210,031 Examiner: Brusca, J.  
Filed : December 11, 1998  
For : UNIVERSAL COLLECTION MEDIUM

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed April 18, 2001 in the above-identified application, applicants present the following amendment and remarks. Applicants petition herewith and pay the fee for a one-month extension of time, thereby extending the period for response up to August 18, 2001. Claims 1-11 and 13-35 are pending in the application and were rejected. Applicants present herewith claims 36-74 for consideration on the merits. Applicants also provide a declaration of Dr. Attila T. Lorincz showing that certain solutions described by Dunphy fail to enable the direct analysis of cells by molecular methods.

Applicants thank Examiner Brusca for the helpful and constructive interview granted July 10, 2001.

**AMENDMENT**

Please cancel pending claims 1-11 and 13-35.

Please add the following claims.